



Introductory Comments

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An amendment in response to a restriction requirement by the Examiner was submitted on April 15, 2003 wherein an election of claims 1-14 and 19 was made by applicant.

A second office action was mailed June 4, 2003 wherein the Examiner acknowledged applicant's election of claims 1-14 and 19 for further prosecution. In the second office action, the drawings are objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5); claims 8-13 are objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c); and claims 1-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph; and claims 1-14 and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b). These objections and rejections are addressed in the following sections b), c), and d).

With respect to the present amendment, claims 1, 4, 8 and 19 are amended; claims 4, 6 and 9-13 are canceled; claims 15-18 are withdrawn; and claims 20-28 are newly added.

The specification has been amended by (1) replacing the first full paragraph on page 3 with a corrected paragraph; (2) replacing the first full paragraph on page 5 with a corrected paragraph; and (3) the paragraph bridging pages 5 and 6 is replaced with a corrected paragraph, and the

Fig. 1 has been replaced with a new Fig.1